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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *06 October 2009*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.**   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,2,4-14,17-21 and 28-39* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1,2,4-9, 12-14,17-21,28-31 and 35-39* is/are rejected.

7)☒ Claim(s) *10,11 and 32-34* is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

        1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

        3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

1.   Applicant's arguments, see remark, filed on 10/6/2009, with respect to the

rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, 4-14, 17-21 and 28-39 under 103 rejections have been fully

considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of

Isomura et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2.   The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham* **v.** *John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148

USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining

obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

> 1.   Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
> 2.   Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
> 3.   Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
> 4.   Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating
>   obviousness or nonobviousness.

3.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4.   Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isomura

et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of Craddock et al. (Pat No.: 6351771).

   For claim 1, Isomura et al. disclosed the method comprising:

determining a protocol of an service discovery request received from a client (fig.

1, Appliance A-C) via a home proximity network (Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-

0031). A SDP handler using one SDP receives an inquiry message of service

information from an appliance using a different SDP (first SDP);

translating the protocol of the service discovery request into a service discovery

protocol by way of a generic service discovery format (Isomura et al. see paragraph

0030-0031, fig. 3). A format conversion unit in this SDP handler (second SDP) will

convert a service information written in a common format and stored in the common

database into a format of the different SDP, wherein the service information stored in

the common database 11 is written in a common (generic) format that can be

understood by all SDP handlers A-C;

wherein the translated service discovery protocols utilize an Internet-located

service registry (Isomura et al. see fig. 4, common database 41) (Isomura et al. see

paragraphs see paragraph 0035-0043). The common database 41 is associated with

different types of SDPs, where the SDPs may be, for example, JINI, UPnP, Bluetooth

SDP, SLP and etc. Although the Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the common

database 41 as being an Internet-located database, however it is obvious to a person of

ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement UPnP or any other

internet-based SDP that is associates with the common database 41;

the translated service discovery request being used to discover an Internet

service provider of the service requested (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0038).

The inquiry message may include name of service information requested. The format

conversion unit will convert the name of service information into the common format, and retrieve or search (discover) the common database. As an example in fig. 4 and fig. 5, a PDA 45 supporting Bluetooth can use a internet-based service of a Fax 46 supporting JINI through the server 40, and transmission protocol layer of RMI/TCP/IP with the common database 41, wherein the database 41 stored the common format of the Vender (provider) "XX ELECTRIC";

translating the service provided to the client by the service (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0031). Then the format conversion unit will convert the searched result from the common data base into a format in a SDP used in the inquired appliance, and the server will send the converted searched result to the inquired appliance;

Although Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the first ad hoc service discovery protocol, and second ad hoc service discovery protocol. However, According to page 13, line 15-20 of the present specification, the ad hoc network is defined as to have up to eight Bluetooth devices. Thus, according to paragraph 0020 of Isomura et al. the system can have a server 10 and two or more appliances (up to 8) using different SPDs e.g., Bluetooth SPDs (see paragraph 0003) in order to form an ad hoc network.

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement up to 8 appliances in the network of Isomura et al. to form an ad hoc network. The motivation for using the obviousness being that it increases scalability in the network.

Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the features for detecting incompatibilities between the client and the service provider; translating the service provided to the client in response to the detected incompatibilities. Craddock et al. from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the features for detecting incompatibilities between the client and the service provider; translating the service provided to the client in response to the detected incompatibilities (Craddock et al. see column 2, lines 10-22). A region manager connected to each of the region servers and communication clients is configured to determine the incompatibilities of the transmission data format and convert the data format to a second data format appropriate to aid other of the external service and the communication client.

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the features as taught by Craddock et al. in the SPD server as taught by Isomura et al. The motivation for using the features being that it increases network compatibility by support multiple types of data format between external services.

5.   Claims 14, 17-19, 28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Isomura et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966).

For claim 14, Isomura et al. disclosed the system, comprising:

a service requestor (fig. 1, Appliance A-C) coupled to a home proximity network and configured to submit a service request (Inquiry message) using a first service discovery protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-0031). A SDP handler using one SDP receives an inquiry message of service information from an appliance using a different SDP (first SDP);

a service translation proxy (SPD Handler A-C) coupled to the home proximity network and configured to: translate the first service discovery protocol of the service request into a second service discovery protocol by way of a generic service discovery format (Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-0031, fig. 3). A format conversion unit in this SDP handler (second SDP) will convert a service information written in a common format and stored in the common database into a format of the different SDP, wherein the service information stored in the common database 11 is written in a common (generic) format that can be understood by all SDP handlers A-C;

wherein at least one of the first and second service discovery protocols utilize an Internet-located service registry (Isomura et al. see fig. 4, common database 41) (Isomura et al. see paragraphs see paragraph 0035-0043). The common database 41 is associated with different types of SDPs, where the SDPs may be, for example, JINI, UPnP, Bluetooth SDP, SLP and etc. Although the Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the common database 41 as being an Internet-located database, however it is obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement UPnP or any other internet-based SDP that is associates with the common database 41;

discover an Internet based service provider using the Internet located service registry, wherein the service provider is configured to provide the service requested (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0038). The inquiry message may include name of service information requested. The format conversion unit will convert the name of service information into the common format, and retrieve or search (discover) the common database. As an example in fig. 4 and fig. 5, a PDA 45 supporting Bluetooth can use a internet-based service of a Fax 46 supporting JINI through the server 40, and transmission protocol layer of RMI/TCP/IP with the common database 41, wherein the database 41 stored the common format of the Vender (provider) "XX ELECTRIC"; and

translate the service provided into a format that is compatible with the service requestor (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0031). Then the format conversion unit will convert the searched result from the common data base into a format in a SDP used in the inquired appliance, and the server will send the converted searched result to the inquired appliance.

However, Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the first ad hoc service discovery protocol, and second ad hoc service discovery protocol.

Although Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the feature, however according to page 13, line 15-20 of the present specification, the ad hoc network is defined as to have up to eight Bluetooth devices. Thus, according to paragraph 0020 of Isomura et al. the system can have a server 10 and two or more appliances (up to 8) using different SPDs e.g., Bluetooth SPDs (see paragraph 0003) in order to form an ad hoc network.

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement up to 8 appliances in the network of Isomura et al. to form an ad hoc network. The motivation for using the obviousness being that it increases scalability in the network.

Regarding claim 17, Isomura et al. disclosed the apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving a service request (Inquiry message) from a service requestor (fig. 1, Appliance A-C) via a home proximity network (Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-0031). A SDP handler using one SDP receives an inquiry message of service information from an appliance using a different SDP (first SDP);

means for translating the service request from a first service discovery protocol to a second service discovery protocol by way of a generic service discovery format (Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-0031, fig. 3). A format conversion unit in this SDP handler (second SDP) will convert a service information written in a common format and stored in the common database into a format of the different SDP, wherein the service information stored in the common database 11 is written in a common (generic) format that can be understood by all SDP handlers A-C;

wherein at least one of the first and second service discovery protocols utilize an Internet-located service registry (Isomura et al. see fig. 4, common database 41) (Isomura et al. see paragraphs see paragraph 0035-0043). The common database 41 is associated with different types of SDPs, where the SDPs may be, for example, JINI, UPnP, Bluetooth SDP, SLP and etc. Although the Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the common database 41 as being an Internet-located database, however it is

obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement

UPnP or any other internet-based SDP that is associates with the common database

41;

means for locating a service provider to provide the service requested using the

second service discovery protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0038). The

inquiry message may include name of service information requested. The format

conversion unit will convert the name of service information into the common format,

and retrieve or search (discover) the common database. As an example in fig. 4 and fig.

5, a PDA 45 supporting Bluetooth can use a internet-based service of a Fax 46

supporting JINI through the server 40, and transmission protocol layer of RMI/TCP/IP

with the common database 41, wherein the database 41 stored the common format of

the Vender (provider) "XX ELECTRIC"; and

means for translating the service provided into a format that is compatible with

capability information associated with the service requestor (Isomura et al. see

paragraphs 0030-0031). Then the format conversion unit will convert the searched

result from the common data base into a format in a SDP used in the inquired

appliance, and the server will send the converted searched result to the inquired

appliance.

However, Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the first ad hoc service

discovery protocol, and second ad hoc service discovery protocol.

Although Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the feature, however according

to page 13, line 15-20 of the present specification, the ad hoc network is defined as to

have up to eight Bluetooth devices. Thus, according to paragraph 0020 of Isomura et al.

the system can have a server 10 and two or more appliances (up to 8) using different

SPDs e.g., Bluetooth SPDs (see paragraph 0003) in order to form an ad hoc network.

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the

time of the invention to implement up to 8 appliances in the network of Isomura et al. to

form an ad hoc network. The motivation for using the obviousness being that it

increases scalability in the network.

Regarding claim 18, Isomura et al. disclosed the means for receiving the

service provided using a first transport protocol; and means for providing the service

provided using a second transport protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0031).

Claim 19 is rejected similar to claim 17.

Regarding claim 28, Isomura et al. disclosed the apparatus comprising:

a network interface (fig. 1 SDP Handler A-C) capable of communicating with a

service requestor (fig. 1, Appliance) via a home proximity network using a first service

discovery protocol and at least one Internet service provider (fig. 5, Internet-based Fax

service) via a second service discovery protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-

0031). A SDP handler using one SDP (second SDP) receives an inquiry message of

service information from an appliance using a different SDP (first SDP);

wherein at least one of the first and second service discovery protocols utilize an

Internet-located service registry (Isomura et al. see fig. 4, common database 41)

(Isomura et al. see paragraphs see paragraph 0035-0043). The common database 41 is

associated with different types of SDPs, where the SDPs may be, for example, JINI,

UPnP, Bluetooth SDP, SLP and etc. Although the Isomura et al. did not explicitly
disclose the common database 41 as being an Internet-located database, however it is
obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement
UPnP or any other internet-based SDP that is associates with the common database
41;

a processor (fig. 1, SPD server 10) coupled to the network interface and
configured with instructions that cause the apparatus to:

receive a service request (Inquiry message) from the service requestor (fig. 1,
Appliance A-C) (Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-0031). When a SDP handler using
one SDP receives an inquiry message of service information from an appliance using a
different SDP (first SDP);

translate the service request from the first service discovery protocol to the
second service discovery protocol by way of a generic service discovery format
(Isomura et al. see paragraph 0030-0031, fig. 3). A format conversion unit in this SDP
handler (second SDP) will convert a service information written in a common format and
stored in the common database into a format of the different SDP, wherein the service
information stored in the common database 11 is written in a common (generic) format
that can be understood by all SDP handlers A-C;

locate the service provider to provide the service requested via the second
service discovery protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0038). The inquiry
message may include name of service information requested. The format conversion
unit will convert the name of service information into the common format, and retrieve or

search (discover) the common database. As an example in fig. 4 and fig. 5, a PDA 45

supporting Bluetooth can use a internet-based service of a Fax 46 supporting JINI

through the server 40, and transmission protocol layer of RMI/TCP/IP with the common

database 41, wherein the database 41 stored the common format of the Vender

(provider) "XX ELECTRIC"; and

translate the service provided into a format that is compatible with capability

information associated with the service requestor as determined by the first and second

service discovery protocols (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0031). Then the format

conversion unit will convert the searched result from the common data base into a

format in a SDP used in the inquired appliance, and the server will send the converted

searched result to the inquired appliance.

However, Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the first ad hoc service

discovery protocol, and second ad hoc service discovery protocol.

Although Isomura et al. did not explicitly disclose the feature, however according

to page 13, line 15-20 of the present specification, the ad hoc network is defined as to

have up to eight Bluetooth devices. Thus, according to paragraph 0020 of Isomura et al.

the system can have a server 10 and two or more appliances (up to 8) using different

SPDs e.g., Bluetooth SPDs (see paragraph 0003) in order to form an ad hoc network.

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the

time of the invention to implement up to 8 appliances in the network of Isomura et al. to

form an ad hoc network. The motivation for using the obviousness being that it

increases scalability in the network.

    Regarding claim 31, Isomura et al. disclosed the feature for receiving messages

from the service provider using a first transport protocol; and transmitting the messages

received from the service provider to the service requestor using a second transport

protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0031).

6.   Claims 20, 21 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable

over Isomura et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of de Hond (Pat NO.: 6002853).

    For claims 20 and 29, Isomura et al. disclosed all the claimed invention with the

exception of disclosing the feature wherein locating a service provider comprises

forwarding the service request to another service translation proxy located within the

network.

    de Hond from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the feature

wherein locating a service provider comprises issuing the translated service request to

the Internet- located service registry (de Hond see column 4, lines 32-47). Thus, it

would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the

invention to use the feature as taught by de Hond in the network of Isomura et al. The

motivation for using the obviousness being that it increases reliability in the network.

    Regarding claim 21, de Hond disclosed the feature wherein locating a service

provider comprises forwarding the service request to another service translation proxy

located within the network (de Hond see column 4, lines 32-47).

7.   Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isomura

et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of McConnell et al. (Pat No.: 6741695).

       For claim 30, Isomura et al. disclosed all the claimed subject matter with the

exception of disclosing the feature wherein translating the service provided comprises

analyzing session descriptions contained within Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)

messages exchanged between the service requestor and the service provider.

McConnell et al. from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the feature

wherein translating the service provided comprises analyzing session descriptions

contained within Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) messages exchanged between the

service requestor and the service provider (McConnell et al. see column 6, lines 45-67,

column 7, linwa 30-50). The SIP server 34 may use a different set of parameters, or

parameters in a different format, to provide services to subscriber devices connected to

packet- switched network 16. As a result, part of the process of SIP server 34 obtaining

service profile information for subscriber device 30 may include parsing the service

profile, extracting the service parameters therefrom, and translating or reformatting the

extracted service parameters into a form used by SIP server 34.

       Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the

time of the invention to use the feature as taught by McConnell et al. in the network of

Isomura et al. The motivation for using the feature being that it would be advantageous

to make similar enhanced services available to the subscriber when operating on packet
or circuit switched networks, thus it greatly improves compatibility.

8.   Claim 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over
Isomura et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of Gebhart (20050149294).

        For claims 36-39, Isomura et al. disclosed all the claimed invention with the
exception of disclosing the feature wherein the Internet-located service registry
comprises a universal description, discovery, and integration registry.

        Gebhart from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the feature
wherein the Internet-located service registry comprises a universal description,
discovery, and integration registry (Gebhart see paragraph 0022). Thus, it would have
been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use
the feature as taught by Gebhart et al. in the network of Isomura et al. The motivation
for using the feature being that it increases accuracy in the network.

9.   Claim 35 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isomura
et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of Craddock et al. (Pat No.: 6351771) as applied
to claim 1 above, and further in view of Gebhart (20050149294).

For claim 35, Isomura et al. and Craddock et al. disclosed all the claimed invention with the exception of disclosing the feature wherein the Internet-located service registry comprises a universal description, discovery, and integration registry.

Gebhart from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the feature wherein the Internet-located service registry comprises a universal description, discovery, and integration registry (Gebhart see paragraph 0022). Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the feature as taught by Gebhart et al. in the network of Isomura et al. and Craddock et al. The motivation for using the feature being that it increases accuracy in the network.

10.   Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isomura et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of Craddock et al. (Pat No.: 6351771) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of McClure et al. (Pat No.: 7543056).

For claim 2, Isomura et al. and Craddock et al. both did not explicitly disclose the feature wherein translating the protocol includes selecting one of a plurality of service discovery interfaces that are compatible with the Internet-located service registry.

McClure et al. from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the feature wherein translating the protocol includes selecting one of a plurality of service discovery interfaces that are compatible with the Internet-located service registry (see McClure et al. see column 13, lines 64-67 and column 14, lines 1-5).

Thus, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the

time of the invention to implement the feature as taught by McMlure et al. in the network

as taught by Isomura et al. The motivation for using the features being that it increases

transmission efficiency.

11.   Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isomura

et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of Craddock et al. (Pat No.: 6351771) as applied

to claim 1 above, and further in view of McConnell et al. (Pat No.: 6741695).

   For claim 4, Isomura et al. and Craddock et al. disclosed all the claimed subject

matter with the exception of disclosing the feature wherein detecting the

incompatibilities comprises analyzing session descriptions contained within Session

Initiation Protocol (SIP) messages exchanged between the client and the service

provider. McConnell et al. from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the

feature wherein detecting the incompatibilities comprises analyzing session descriptions

contained within Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) messages exchanged between the

client and the service provider (McConnell et al. see column 6, lines 45-67, column 7,

linwa 30-50). The SIP server 34 may use a different set of parameters, or parameters in

a different format, to provide services to subscriber devices connected to packet-

switched network 16. As a result, part of the process of SIP server 34 obtaining service

profile information for subscriber device 30 may include parsing the service profile,

extracting the service parameters therefrom, and translating or reformatting the

extracted service parameters into a form used by SIP server 34.

Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the

time of the invention to use the feature as taught by McConnell et al. in the network of

Isomura et al. and Craddock et al. The motivation for using the feature being that it

would be advantageous to make similar enhanced services available to the subscriber

when operating on packet or circuit switched networks, thus it greatly improves

compatibility.

12.   Claims 5-9, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Isomura et al. (Pub NO.: 2002/0052966) in view of Craddock et al.

(Pat No.: 6351771) and McConnell et al. (Pat No.: 6741695) as applied to claim 4

above, and further in view of Ravishankar (Pat No.: 7123710).

For claim 5, Isomura et al., Craddock et al. and McConnell et al. all disclosed the

claimed invention with the exception of disclosing the feature wherein the session

descriptions transmitted by the client reflect the capabilities of the client. Ravishankar

from the same or similar fields of endeavor disclosed the feature wherein the session

descriptions transmitted by the client reflect the capabilities of the client (Ravishankar

see column 7, lines 22-37).

Thus, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the

time of the invention to use the feature as taught by Ravishankar et al. in the network of

Isomura et al., Craddock et al. and McConnell et al. The motivation for using the feature

being that it saves system resources by sending a notification via a SIP.

Regarding claim 6, Ravishankar disclosed the feature wherein the capabilities

of the client include media session capabilities (Ravishankar see column 7, lines 22-37).

Regarding claim 7, Ravishankar disclosed the feature wherein the session

descriptions transmitted by the service provider reflect the capabilities of the service

provider (Ravishankar see column 7, lines 22-37).

Regarding claim 8, Ravishankar disclosed the feature wherein the capabilities

of the service provider include media session capabilities (Ravishankar see column 7,

lines 22-37).

Regarding claim 9, Isomura et al. disclosed the feature wherein translating the

service provided comprises translating media received from the service provider into a

format compatible with the media session capabilities of the client (Isomura et al. see

paragraphs 0030-0031). Then the format conversion unit will convert the searched

result from the common data base into a format in a SDP used in the inquired

appliance, and the server will send the converted searched result to the inquired

appliance;

Regarding claim 12, Isomura et al. disclosed the feature wherein translating the

service provided comprises: receiving messages from the service provider using a first

transport protocol; and transmitting the messages received from the service provider to

the client using a second transport protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0031).

Regarding claim 13, Isomura et al. disclosed the feature wherein translating the service provided comprises: receiving messages from the client using the second transport protocol; and transmitting the messages received from the client to the service provider using the first transport protocol (Isomura et al. see paragraphs 0030-0031).

Allowable Subject Matter

13.   Claims 10, 11, 32-34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Examiner's Note:

Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

In the case of amending the claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which dictate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAN YUEN whose telephone number is (571)270-1413. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10:00a.m-3:00p.m EST.

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